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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/689,579

Applicant(s)

PALMAZ ET AL.

Examiner

Paul B. Prebille

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                       |
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***Reissue Application***

Upon further review of the present application, new items were discovered that need correction. The Office regrets that this delay in prosecution may have or will cause the Applicant.

***Chain of Title***

This application is objected to under 37 CFR 1.172(a) as the assignee has not established its ownership interest in the patent for which reissue is being requested. An assignee must establish its ownership interest in order to support the consent to a reissue application required by 37 CFR 1.172(a). The assignee's ownership interest is established by:

(a) filing in the reissue application evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee, or

(b) specifying in the record of the reissue application where such evidence is recorded in the Office (e.g., reel and frame number, etc.).

The submission with respect to (a) and (b) to establish ownership must be signed by a party authorized to act on behalf of the assignee. See MPEP § 1410.01.

An appropriate paper satisfying the requirements of 37 CFR 3.73 must be submitted in reply to this Office action.

The Consent of Assignee filed October 20, 2003, which also sets forth the reel and frame of the current assignment recordation, does not provide a complete chain of title from the original owners, Julio Palmaz and Richard Schatz, to the current assignee Cordis Corporation. The Applicant is encouraged to use PTO/SB/96, filling out the

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chain of title in section "B", in order to overcome this objection. Current USPTO forms can be found at the following website:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/index.html#startforms>

**35 USC 251**

Claims 1-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 since an error within the meaning of the statute has not been established. 35 U.S.C. 251 requires the correction of an error that renders the patent "wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, by reason of a defective specification or drawing, or by reason of the patent claiming more or less than he had a right to claim in the patent."

Typographical errors in the specification do not render the patent wholly or partly inoperative or invalid (see MPEP 1402). The Applicant has neither alleged that the patent is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid because patentee is claiming "more than" patentee had a right to claim (i.e. that any patent claim is too broad), nor narrowed or cancelled any patent claimed, so it appears that the patent is not regarded as being wholly or partly invalid due to one or more patent claim being invalid.

Since the existing patent claims are of a scope that already "cover" (i.e. read on") the invention defined by the newly added claims, all of which are narrower than the patent claimed, the patent is not inoperative to cover the invention defined by the newly added claims. Since no claim is alleged to be invalid, and the patent is not inoperative to cover the invention for which new claims have been added to the reissue application, the patent is not "wholly or partly inoperative or invalid" on the present record of the

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reissue application. Therefore, there is no basis for reissue for the patent under 35 U.S.C 251.

***Specification Amendment***

In the response filed May 15, 2006, the amendment made to the specification was not made in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173 (b) and (d) in that bracketing instead of strikethrough must be used.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Paul B. Prebilic whose telephone number is (571) 272-4758. He can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00 M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on 571-272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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